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I'm a Java Software Architect who really cares about the outcomes of the settlement - especially long term results - for they may bring down my entire open-source-multiple-platform-technological-freedom-world forever.

No matter the usefulness of Microsoft's products, I just can't imagine a world with **only** that. Unfortunately, it seems to be the direction things are going.

I'm afraid this settlement has a much greater impact than what most people are aware of, for it will communicate to Microsoft whether or not (and at what degree) the entire world is willing to accept a "technological despotism".

Technological lock-in, altogether with their new operating systems (ie. WindowsXP) which slowly puts them in the middle of literally everything - including worldwide E-commerce - will bring them even closer to this "technological despotism".

In this respect, I sincerely believe the settlement should serve as a warning to Microsoft, clearly stating that the world is not letting go of its technological freedom.

Thank you profoundly for taking the time to review people's comments...

Best regards,

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